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REDUCED STRESS AXLE  
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Responsive to the September 24, 2003 Office Action containing a requirement for election of species in the above-identified patent application, the applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 18-21, 24-29, 33-38, 41-43, 48, 50, 54, 55, 63-68 and 70-73, allegedly drawn to a species of the invention as representatively illustrated in FIGS. 1-3, for continued prosecution in the application, along with the alleged generic claims 1, 2, 5-8, 14-17, 22, 23, 30-32, 40, 44-47, 49, 51-53, 59-62, 74 and 75, and acknowledge the temporary withdrawal from consideration of the claims 11-13, 39, 56-58 and 69, allegedly drawn to other species.

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